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*GALLAND'S*  
**Iowa Emigrant:**

*Containing A MAP, and General  
Descriptions of*

**IOWA TERRITORY.**

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## *Historical Introduction.*

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THIS REPRINT of a rare volume on early Iowa has been issued by the State Historical Society of Iowa in honor of a man who was a pioneer among Iowa pioneers. Dr. Isaac Galland, the author of *Galland's Iowa Emigrant*, arrived in what is now Lee County in 1829, four years before permanent settlement began in Iowa. Moreover, Galland lived in Iowa many years before writing his book. By way of contrast, Lieutenant Albert M. Lea spent only a year in the Iowa District before publishing his *Notes on Wisconsin Territory* in 1836. John Plumbe, Jr. lived in the Dubuque lead mining area only three years before compiling his *Sketches of Iowa and Wisconsin* in 1839. Dr. Galland, on the other hand, had sojourned eleven years in the most thickly settled section of Iowa and had in addition lived across the Mississippi in Illinois for several years before writing and publishing his *Iowa Emigrant*. Despite its brevity, Galland's little volume has the advantage of closer personal observation and longer perspective than the work of either Lea or Plumbe. The book stands as a monument to the memory of one of the most colorful and dynamic early Iowans.

Isaac Galland was born about the year 1792 near what is now Chillicothe, Ohio. Little is known of his boyhood which seems to have been spent in the Old Northwest Territory. When a young man, Galland traveled to Mexico with some adventurous companions in search of gold. Imprisoned by the Spanish authorities, he was released at the end of a year and made his way back to Ohio on foot. He paused for a few years in Indiana about the time of the War of 1812. He dwelt in Edgar County, Illinois, where he is said to have engaged in counterfeiting until driven out by authori-

ties. He is reputed to have forsaken this occupation because of too much competition. Around 1825 he was practicing medicine at Oquawka, Illinois. In 1829 he crossed the Mississippi into what is now Lee County, Iowa, and helped establish Nashville in the Half-breed Tract.

During the next thirty years, or until his death at Fort Madison in 1858, Galland was intimately associated with the history of Iowa. A romantic figure with a "fatal touch of genius," Galland participated in the fur trade, speculated in land, served for a time as the personal secretary of Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet, executed several notable publishing ventures, prescribed medicine occasionally for ailing neighbors, and started the first school in Iowa. Only a restless adventurer with boundless energy and enterprise could have had his name associated with so many facets of Iowa history.

Dr. Galland had a keen, inventive mind and a distinct literary flare. He was quick-tempered and quarrelsome, never hesitating to attack an enemy with his sword cane, which he always carried with him. Versatile and resourceful, Galland was said to have learned his medicine while languishing in jail for counterfeiting. He invited Berryman Jennings, a young Kentuckian living in Illinois, to cross the Mississippi to teach the first school in Iowa in 1830. As part of his compensation, Jennings was given the privilege of studying Galland's medical books. A replica of this school stands today on the banks of the Mississippi below Montrose, a fitting monument to this energetic pioneer.

As a land speculator, Galland apparently played a fast game. He is said to have put his early counterfeiting experience to good use by forging land warrants. Much of his activity centered in the Half-breed Tract. He may have met or at least corresponded with Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star Spangled Banner," who was then an attorney for a New York company having extensive land interests in Lee County. Key's decree, dividing the disputed land among one hundred and one claimants, was recognized in one instance in 1850 by the United States Supreme Court. Galland was involved in many quarrels over the disputed claims, wrote voluminously on the subject, and was himself severely indicted in 1850 by D. W. Kilbourne in his exceedingly rare 24-page booklet, *Strictures, on Dr. I. Gal-*

land's Pamphlet, Entitled, "*Villainy Exposed*," with Some Account of His Transactions in Lands of the Sac and Fox Reservations, Etc., in Lee County, Iowa.

But it is as a publisher that Galland demonstrated remarkable enterprise. Among the numerous ventures with which he was associated either directly or indirectly, one must mention first *The Western Adventurer and Herald of the Upper Mississippi* which has the distinction of being the second newspaper printed in Iowa—at Montrose in Lee County on June 28, 1837. The four page, seven column paper was discontinued in 1838 and only scattered issues have been preserved. It was a readable paper, due largely to its able editor, Thomas Gregg, who declared in the prospectus that the *Western Adventurer* would be devoted to the history, geography, mineralogy, geology, climate, soil, production, population, farming, commerce, mechanics, education, improvements, and Indian traditions and remains of the West.

Not content with this venture, Galland proposed in the columns of the *Western Adventurer* to print a monthly publication to be entitled "Chronicles of the North American Savages." He also doubtless had a hand in a proposed magazine to be called "The Western Emigrants' Magazine, and Historian of Times in the West," which Thomas Gregg planned to edit and publish monthly at the office of the *Western Adventurer*. Galland did write a series of articles, printed posthumously in the *Annals of Iowa* (First Series) in 1869, and entitled "The Indian Tribes of the West: Their Language, Religion and Traditions." His *Iowa Emigrant* placed considerable emphasis on the red men in Iowa.

Although Indians are discussed too fully for a book of this kind, *Galland's Iowa Emigrant* answered many questions which the prospective emigrant might raise regarding the Territory of Iowa. The boundaries, history, and general character of the population are treated, and considerable space is devoted to the rivers, lakes, wild game, and fruit of the region. The soil and climate are discussed under these categories. Officers of government, counties, towns, and post offices, land offices and their officers, Indian agencies and military posts are enumerated at the end of the volume. *Galland's Iowa Emigrant* is very individualistic, containing much information that

was new and useful, and it must have influenced many emigrants to head toward Iowa.

The appearance of *Galland's Iowa Emigrant* was scarcely a triumph in printing. Had the book been printed in a larger city, its appearance might have been more impressive. But Galland, probably governed by sentiment, chose William Carey Jones to print the book in his old home town of Chillicothe, Ohio. Born in Maine in 1814, Jones was brought to Chillicothe by his parents at the age of two and apparently acquired considerable printing and newspaper experience before John King met him in 1836, and brought him west to help issue Iowa's first newspaper—the *Du Buque Visitor* on May 11, 1836. Jones broke his contract with King in the fall of 1836, and returned to Chillicothe where he commenced printing the *Scioto Gazette* on November 1, 1839. Dr. Galland may have known Jones, either at Chillicothe or at Dubuque, which probably accounts for his selecting Jones to print *Galland's Iowa Emigrant* at his printing office in Chillicothe.

More should be said of William Carey Jones. After returning to Chillicothe, Jones studied law, was admitted to the New Orleans bar, and on January 4, 1844 became co-publisher of the daily New Orleans *Commercial Bulletin*. In 1847, Jones married Eliza Benton, the eldest daughter of Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri, thereby becoming a brother-in-law of John C. Fremont. Jones went to California in the fall of 1849, where he achieved fame as a lawyer and expert on land titles. He died in San Francisco in 1867.

If *Galland's Iowa Emigrant* is not a gem in point of printing, experts agree its value exceeds that of most gems. The book is even rarer than Plumbe's *Sketches*. While the Library of Congress had located twenty-two copies of Plumbe's book, its Union Catalog Division knew of only four copies of *Galland's Iowa Emigrant*. The writer has discovered four additional copies but eight other large libraries that were contacted had none. J. Christian Bay, Librarian Emeritus of the John Crerar Library, wrote on January 24, 1949: "My collection does not contain *Galland's Iowa Emigrant*, but I have seen the little book and am aware that it is extraordinarily rare. I do not recollect having noticed it in any auction or bookseller's catalogue during the past 30-40 years. It commands respect

and interest for its authenticity. Its only rival is Albert Lea's *Notes on the Wisconsin Territory*. Both are classics, and certainly no historian could afford to overlook them." E. Eberstadt of New York City, noted dealer in Americana, has described the book as "very rare indeed!" In a letter from Chicago, dated January 15, 1949, Wright Howes, another leading authority on Americana, declared the Galland book was "manifestly the rarest" of Iowa guide books. According to Howes: "The auction records for the last twenty-five years, for example, reveal four sales of Plumbe's *Sketches* and none of Galland; during this same period I have personally handled two copies of Plumbe and only one of Galland."

When *Galland's Iowa Emigrant* was printed in 1840, Martin Van Buren was president and Robert Lucas governor of the Territory of Iowa. The population of this sprawling wilderness had increased from 10,561 when Lea's *Notes* were printed in 1836 to 43,112 in 1840. Twenty-two counties had been carved out of the first four Indian cessions (the Black Hawk Purchase, the Keokuk Reserve, the Half-breed Tract, and the Second Black Hawk Purchase), but only eighteen of these were included in the Census of 1840. Almost one-half of the population (17,816) could be found in the three southeastern counties—Davis, Des Moines, and Lee. Indians still occupied three-fourths of the territory and Iowa was still six years removed from statehood.

More than a century has passed since William C. Jones printed *Galland's Iowa Emigrant*. To fill a long-felt need the State Historical Society of Iowa has commissioned the distinguished typographer Carroll Coleman (five of whose books have been selected during the past ten years among the "Fifty Books of the Year") to produce a reprint of Galland's rare volume for the pleasure of all Iowans.

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*GALLAND'S*

Iowa Emigrant.





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## *To the Reader.*

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THE WRITER had proposed sending this little matter forth to the public without any preliminary remarks whatever; but being prevailed upon by the publishers and other friends to accompany it with a few preliminary remarks, expressive of the opportunities which he has had of obtaining correct information on the subject upon which he treats, he begs leave to premise that he has been an actual resident in the regions hereinafter described for the last fourteen years, and more than forty years a resident north-west of the Ohio river. Aware that many publications, having in view, as it would seem, the same object, have already appeared before the public, it might be supposed superfluous to tax the reading community with any thing further on the subject. But when it is recollected, that most of those productions which have appeared in the characters of "sketches," "notes," and newspaper paragraphs, are misrepresentations both of the country and the people who inhabit it, the country being generally over-rated, and the progress of improvements greatly extolled, should be deemed a sufficient apology for this work. It is true that there are many convenient, comfortable and even capacious edifices in both town and country; but the "splendid Cathedrals," the "lofty steeples" and "towering edifices," &c. spoken of by travellers and writers have yet to be erected before they can be seen. It is of vastly inferior interest to those who wish to emigrate to a new country, to learn in what manner a few wealthy nabobs have already contrived to expend their thousands of dollars, in pampering their pride; than to be made acquainted with the natural advantages of the country. "Can a poor man get a comfortable living there?" "Can he do better there than to remain in the old settlements on rented lands?" "Is it probable that a poor man with

a large family, could in a few years obtain lands for all his children?" Such would seem to be the most rational questions, to be proposed by the greatest part of emigrants. These inquiries are continually being answered in the affirmative, by the improved circumstances of hundreds who are locating themselves in Iowa Territory. It should also be borne in mind, that where the earth is successfully cultivated and plentiful harvests reward the labors of the field, there also will the mechanic, the artizan, the merchant and the learned professor find an ample field for the exercise of their industry, skill, enterprise and science. The privations attendant on settling a new country, are, to many persons, an insurmountable obstacle. To abandon the place of their nativity, and to forsake forever the society of those with whom they have been associated from infancy to manhood; to exchange the shrill tone of the city bell, for the howling of the wolf or the melancholy hooting of the owl; the busy hum of men and domesticated animals, for the distant murmur of the prairie hen, or the silent beauties of an undulating plain, ornamented with wild flowers of every tint; to be as it were exiled from society and deprived of many of those social enjoyments to which they have become attached by habit, are circumstances calculated to cool the ardor of enterprize in many bosoms. But had our fathers shrunk from privations such as these, or even from dangers and toils of infinitely greater magnitude, than any which now await the new settler in Iowa, the Ohio Valley would still have remained a wilderness. Still, whatever may be the inconveniences attending a frontier life, there are, at least, some advantages resulting from it. The important changes which are continually occurring, both in the moral and physical condition of things, seem to mark so many different periods of time at an imaginary distance from each other, so as to double as it were the retrospect of life. While those who have always resided in cities or in the older settlements, pass their dreaming lives away without a striking event to mark the progress of their years.

When I attempt to call to mind the events which have transpired within the last thirty years of my life, if their definite number did not teach me otherwise, I should be disposed to think, at least a hundred years had passed away.

The scenery of uncultivated nature, either of hills or valleys, woodland or prairie, unchanged by human art, is certainly one of the most sublime, terrestrial objects which the Creator ever presented to the view of man. Equally deserving of our admiration, is the simple, unostentatious manners of the children of the forest. Let any one compare the easy, social, unassuming deportment of the western pioneer, with the stiff, reserved, haughty and domineering manners of a southern black leg, or a northern coxcomb, with all their boasted refinements;—the yelling of our wolves is not more offensive to christian ears, than the shrieks of tortured slaves in the *civilized* cities of the south; and our wild roses yield as rich perfumes, as the pomatumed whiskers of a northern dandy. In what point then, will the western people suffer by a comparison with any other section of the Union? If they have better laws in the older divisions of the country, they do not obey them better; if they have better schools, they have no better scholars; and if they make more ado about religion, they have no more piety or virtue, than the people of the west. The city *refinements* of the western country, are the only matters which would make a savage blush: such, for example, as the burning of McIntosh in the *polished* city of St. Louis; and the murder of Elijah P. Lovejoy, in the *church building* city of Alton. If these, together with your mobs at Baltimore, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, &c., are specimens of your christianity and civilization, then, may heaven grant, that the native American savages may never be contaminated by such improvements as you are laboring to afford them.

Among the most prominent obstacles in settling on the frontier, from the earliest period of American history to the present time, has been the fear of a savage foe. We are told that the North American Indians are "*monsters*," that "the only associations connected with the savages are of barbarity and perfidy." That "they have always been the aggressors." "The results of the repeated efforts of Government to influence these Indians, by measures of kindness and benevolence, will warrant the conclusion, that it is futile to attempt any other course towards them than that of the greatest rigor and severity. The natural distrust between the white and red man, has at length amounted to an entire want of confidence on both sides;

the proneness of the Indians to take the lives of the whites, without regard to sex or condition, whenever it is in their power to do so, — form a barrier to the renewal of any good feeling on either side.” [See the late Report of the Major General commanding the Army.] Volumes might be filled with extracts of the above description, which are as illiberal and unjust, as they are cruel and untrue.

“Open thy mouth for the dumb —, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”— *Prov.* xxxi. 8, 9.

Having commenced my earthly career about 49 years ago, in the Ohio valley, and from that time to the present date having lived in social and familiar intercourse with the various tribes of Indians who have inhabited the country from Pennsylvania to the Missouri river; speaking many of their languages, and being intimately acquainted with all the causes which have led to the unhappy difficulties between these people and the whites, I hope to be excused for calling in question the correctness of such sweeping charges, no matter how high the authority from which they emanate. It is due to the injured, it is due to myself, and it is due to posterity, that those insidious reports made by designing individuals who are interested in perpetuating hostilities between the two races, should be corrected and the truth published to the world. But it cannot be presumed that any thing more than a mere glance at the subject, can be expected in this place.

The Senate of the United States have made void by a vote of 28 to 19, a most solemn treaty with the Cherokee Indians of Georgia, — a treaty ratified by Gen. Washington and all his successors until the administration of Gen. Jackson. By this most flagrant outrage upon the rights of humanity, a Nation's character has been sacrificed for Naboth's vineyard, (see 1st Kings, 21st chapter,) and the Indians invited to make *another* treaty. Policy has been substituted for the unchangable word *justice*; and in this as well as other countries, and under its insidious guise aristocracy has committed some of the the darkest deeds and blackest crimes which have ever disgraced human nature. But why dwell upon this particular circumstance, as though it was an isolated case? If from this act of perfidy on the part of our own government, towards the Cherokees, we could not trace the whole catalogue of our recent difficulties with

the Indian tribes, both in the south, the north and west, we would not have adverted to it. What man of common sense would listen for a moment to the declarations of another, who had already violated his promise, that he might have an opportunity of making another more in accordance with his interests. Let any impartial umpire contrast the inhuman butchery of the Moravian Indians on the Muskingum, the burning of the old woman at Massasinneway, the indiscriminate murder of women and children at Bad Axe, the murder of Quasquama's son by the Missourians, and a thousand other atrocities within the knowledge of the writer, with every incident of savage cruelty known to the American people, and we believe the whites would suffer by the comparison.

While this disregard for national character, in the most dignified body of legislators on the whole face of the earth, is so obviously manifested, we should not be astonished if the brigands of our own and other countries, encouraged by so dignified an example, should practice their profession upon these helpless people, though it should be upon a much smaller scale; such, for instance, as horse-stealing, robbing them of the result of their toil, such as meat, skins, &c., and through cowardice, inflict upon the injured Indian a most brutal castigation, with a view of terrifying him from a resort for redress or revenge. The very blankets were stolen from around the dead bodies of Indians in their graves, at the mouth of Rock River, in the celebrated Black Hawk war, and after being washed and smoked, were carried to their homes by white men. The *bones* of the celebrated chief, Black Hawk, have been stolen from his grave!! Thus it seems, that these ill fated people are first to be cheated out of all the *products* of their country by the traders; then to be robbed of the *country* itself by the Government; and, lastly, as they refuse to be *slaves*, their bones are destined to become articles of traffic and speculation. Would to Heaven, for the honor of our common country, that this was an exaggerated picture of the facts in the case. But, alas! one thousandth part of the truth is not told, nor can it be at this time. We may smile over our ill-gotten gains, or forfeit with impunity the confidence of a community whom we no longer fear, but sooner or later the oppressor will lie as low as the helpless being upon whom he has trampled. You must first expunge

from the breast of the Indian his *memory*, or you can never gain his confidence.

I. GALLAND.

Chillicothe, *March* 5, 1840.

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THIS TERRITORY is bounded as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the mouth of the river Des Moines, where it empties itself into the Mississippi river; thence east, to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi; thence up the same, following the main channel thereof, to Lake Winnepeg; thence north, to the Lake of the Woods, thence west, with the southern boundary of Upper Canada, following the parallel of the 49th degree of north latitude, to the White Earth river; thence down said river, with the main channel thereof, to its junction with the Missouri river; thence down the main channel of the Missouri river, to the north west corner of the State of Missouri; thence east, on the parallel of latitude which passes through the Rapids of the river Des Moines, to the middle of the channel of the Main Fork of the said river Des Moines; thence down the said river Des Moines, with the main channel thereof, to the place of beginning.

From north to south, this district is little short of 600 miles, and its average breadth is something more than 250 miles; affording sufficient territory for three States of ample dimensions. The whole extent of this vast country abounds with a fertile soil, a pure atmosphere and excellent water, and, in their several localities, are found many of the rich mineral deposits of the earth—the noisy cataract and the gently flowing stream, the smooth surface of the limpid lake and the turbid torrent of the Missouri, the expansive prairie and the almost endless variety of forest trees.

## *History.*

The limits prescribed to these brief remarks, on the general character of Iowa Territory, will only permit me, under this head, merely to rescue, from ignorant or envious neglect, the names of a few of the first actual settlers of that section of country now denominated Iowa Territory. It is true that they did not render themselves as notorious, either by their tumults with each other, or by their inhuman brutalities towards the natives, as many other settlers upon the frontiers have done. But as long as benevolence and humanity, industry and enterprise, virtue and talents, deserve to be remembered, the names of Russell Farnham, Dr. Samuel C. Muir, Joshua Palen, John Connolly, Moses Stillwell, Morrice Blondeau, Andrew Santamont, John Gaines, Thomas Brierly and James White, should not be forgotten. These have all gone to another world. They were among the first settlers in the country, and each one was both the intimate and personal friend of the writer. Many of them have left indelible traces both on the face of the country and in the memory of their friends. It would seem that thus far each individual who has presumed to write on this subject, has entertained an idea, that nothing deserving of notice had occurred in Iowa until he *himself* arrived. The above-named Morrice Blondeau, a half-breed of the Sauk Indians, opened the first farm, enclosing his field with a log wall, on the bank of the Mississippi, and the balance with a worm fence, and caused it to be ploughed and cultivated in corn, in the usual way. In the spring of 1829, the writer settled with his family on the bank of the Mississippi, at the upper chain of rocks in the Lower Rapids, where the village of Ahwipetuk now stands, in Lee county, Iowa. About the same time, Moses Stillwell and Otis Reynolds erected buildings at the foot of the Lower Rapids, now called Keokuk. These were the first improvements made by white persons, as actual settlers, in Iowa Territory; and they were



confined to that part of the present county of Lee which is known as the Sauk and Fox Half-Breed Reservation, situate between the rivers Des Moines and Mississippi. And not until the month of June, in the year 1833 were the citizens of the United States permitted to enter upon any other part of the territory. Still, however, several persons attempted to locate at Fort Madison, Flint Hill (Burlington,) Dubuque, and at other points on the west bank of the Mississippi, during the Fall and winter of 1832, but they were removed by a military force, in obedience to an order from the Secretary of War, as intruders upon the Indians' land. They were not, however, to be thus easily diverted from their purpose; for no sooner had the troops retired, than they were found resuming their labors.

From that period to this, the rush of immigration to Iowa, has greatly exceeded any thing of the kind heretofore experienced in any other part of the United States. In the year 1832, the whole white population did not exceed fifty persons, and in November, 1839, Gov. Lucas says, in his Message to the Legislative Assembly of Iowa, that "the present population may be safely set down at FIFTY THOUSAND!" This circumstance, alone, is a conclusive argument that Iowa is a desirable country.

### *Character of the Population.*

It cannot have escaped the observation of those acquainted with the early history of the Western country, that the first settlements of the Ohio Valley were attended by circumstances widely different from those of the present day, in Iowa. In the early settlement of the former, when most of the luxuries and many of the necessary comforts of life were only obtained by transportation across the mountains on pack-horses, and at great expense; the emigrants soon learned, by necessity, to change many of their former habits and modes of living, and to conform, in these matters, to the dictates of

economy or necessity. The tardy progress of improvement in a dense forest, the sparse locations of the inhabitants, and their absolute exposure to a savage foe, all contributed to produce a peculiarity of character, according with the surrounding circumstances. Under these circumstances families were raised, not only without the advantages of a school education, but they were not unfrequently deprived even of the benefits of social intercourse, and hence contracted habits, and even customs, peculiar to themselves. But these causes now no longer in existence, the effects have also ceased. The great facilities now afforded to emigration, as well as to commercial intercourse in general, have been productive of as obvious changes, in the character of the western pioneer, as in any other effects which it has produced in society. The rapidity with which the frontier settlements are now made, the great facilities afforded to emigrants, of carrying with them all the necessaries and most of the conveniencies of life, their entire security from danger and the density and proximity of their settlements, at once, conclusively prove that the character of the people of Iowa has nothing peculiar in it but what has been derived from other and older sections of the civilized world. Almost every State in the Union and many foreign countries are contributing to its population. The States of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, are perhaps among the first in affording the greatest number of emigrants; while, at the same time, the Northern States, together with Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, &c. are also doing their part in furnishing Iowa with industrious and enterprising citizens. Hence an individual from almost any part of the United States, or in fact from almost any part of the civilized world, may find himself as it were at home, among natives of his own State or country, in Iowa. If, therefore, any thing of the "Mobocratic, half-horse and half-aligator" character, so frequently ascribed to the western settlers, can be attributed to the citizens of Iowa, we can only admire the sudden transi-

tion, by which Governors, Senators and Representatives, of older States, together with gentlemen of every class, from the polite circles of the most polished societies, can become metamorphosed to a clan of "half-human westerners."

It is truly to be regretted, that the virgin soil of Iowa has ever been defiled by the tracks of a *polite mobite*, a *popular murderer* or a *legalized thief*, but it is quite gratifying that neither the soil nor climate agrees with such gentry. They have, therefore, found it convenient to make but a short stay in the country; and, after visiting us, they have generally taken up their march to the south, perhaps to Texas.

## *Rivers.*

### MISSISSIPPI.

The pronunciation of this name in the language of the Sauk Indians is, Mis-se Se-po. Mis-se is an adjective, answering to the English words, grandest, noblest, chiefest, or most splendid,—and Se-po, simply means *river*; hence, this name in its original acceptation signifies, the grandest, the noblest, the chiefest, or the most splendid river. The Indians often pronounce this name with the plural termination, *uh*, as *Misse Sepouh*, that is, *Chieftest of Rivers*. This truly majestic river rises between the 48th and 49th degrees of north latitude, and after winding its course towards the south, for the distance of about 3038 miles, empties into the Gulph of Mexico in the 29th degree of north latitude. It receives in its course, from each side, many beautiful streams. At, and near its source, are found many delightful lakes, whose waters abound in fish and fowls, and whose shores are lined with groves of fine timber. Other lakes in this vicinity, of similar character, are likewise the sources of the Red River of the North: another noble river which rising in this great valley, runs north, and discharges its waters into Hudson's Bay.

From St. Anthony's Falls to the head sources of the Mississippi, the country is only now beginning to be correctly

examined, by competent engineers in the service of the United States. The Secretary of War, says: "When the calculation of the observations made this summer shall be worked out, the department will possess all the materials necessary to enable it to construct a physical and topographical map of this portion of our country, which, added to that already in our possession, from the same hand, of the sources of the Mississippi and North Red River, will present at one view the vast country comprehended between the 87th and 100th degree of longitude, and the 40th and 49th degree of north latitude."

#### MISSOURI.

This river is called by the Sauks and Fox Indians in their own language, *Pc-ka-ton-oke Sepo*; which literally translated is, "River of Vortexes," or whirlpools. It constitutes the almost entire western boundary of the Iowa Territory; and the White Earth river, one of its tributaries, completes the whole western line, from the north boundary of the State of Missouri to the Canadian line, on the parallel of the 49th degree of north latitude. The Missouri rises in the Rocky Mountains, and passing along the west side of the Iowa Territory receives many fine rivers from each side, and after leaving the Territory of Iowa, it continues its course through the most fertile and interesting portion of the State of Missouri, and empties itself into the Mississippi about 20 miles above the city of St. Louis. The appearance of this river is very repulsive; the muddy and filthy appearance of its water, the torrent-like current, the immense numbers of snags, sand-bars and falling banks, all contribute to produce in the mind of the beholder, feelings of an unpleasant character. Steamboats have navigated its waters for some distance above the mouth of the Yellow Stone river, which is still in advance of the White Earth river. It seems to be the present policy of the government of the United States, to remove all the Indian tribes within its jurisdiction, to the south-west side of the Missouri

river; and to settle them there, under the influence of as many of the arts of civilization, as they may be prevailed upon to adopt.

#### JACQUES,

Or James river, rises in about 47 degrees of North latitude, and running south, empties itself into the Missouri, in latitude 43. This river is said to afford an extensive and delightful valley, situated between the high table lands and the Missouri river.

#### RED PIPE STONE,

Or Calumet river, sometimes called the Sioux river, has its source also in the Beautiful Meadows or table lands which separate it from the St. Peters. His Excellency Gov. Lucas, of Iowa, recommends as the northern boundary of the contemplated new State of Iowa, the St. Peters river from the mouth up to the mouth of the Blue Earth river; thence up the same, and west to the Cactus, an eastern branch of the Red Pipe Stone; thence down the same to its confluence with the Missouri river. It is said, that a great part of the country is not surpassed by any lands in the United States as to fertility of soil. Being also well watered, and interspersed with groves of timber.

#### ST. PETERS.

This is a beautiful river, rising, as has been already remarked, in some small but delightful lakes, in the vicinity of the south-eastern slope of the Beautiful Meadows, and sweeping round in a south-easterly direction, to its southermost bend about the Swan Lakes, it changes its course to a north-east direction, and empties itself into the Mississippi at Fort Snelling. This river, as well as its tributaries, abounds with water power. And at no very remote period of time will doubtless be connected with the river Des Moines by a canal.

#### DES MOINES.

This name was given to this stream by the French traders,

and is interpreted "The Monks' River." The Indian name, however, is "Ke-o-shaw-quā;" the origin of which they account for, as follows, to wit: They say, that when their ancestors first explored this country, they found, residing on the bank of this river, an old man without family or human companion, and that his name was Ke-o-shaw-quā; hence they called it Keoshawqua's river. The French seem also to have had a view to the same circumstance, when regarding this lonely inhabitant as a recluse, they named it (*La riviere Des Moines,*) or "The river of the Monks." It is about 400 miles in length, and averages about 300 yards in width. Its head waters interlock with branches of the St. Peters, and in its course it passes diagonally through the neutral ground, and receiving the Raccoon river and many other fine tributary streams, it continues its course through the centre of that district of country, of which the new State of Iowa must soon be formed. Its waters are transparent, and its current swift and shallow; it abounds in fish, and springs of excellent water are in many places found in great profusion along its shores. The bottom lands are not very extensive, except in some places, but they are of a rich alluvial soil, covered generally with a heavy growth of forest trees, such as black and white walnut, hackberry, sugar tree, cherry, locust, mulberry, coffee nut, some buckeye, and all the varieties of oak, &c. Upon the banks of this river are already situated the flourishing towns of St. Francisville, in Missouri, Farmington, Van Buren, Rochester, Lexington, Bentonsport and many others, all now rapidly improving. Its shores are also lined with beautiful farms as high up as to the Indian Agency, above which the white people are not yet permitted to settle. Iron ore and stone coal have been found in abundance in every part of this country where they have been searched for. There is no doubt that lead ore will be discovered in great quantities on the neutral ground, as soon as that district of country is subjected to a proper examination.

The Des Moines, from the  $40^{\circ}44'06''$  of north latitude, to its confluence with the Mississippi, constitutes the boundary line between the State of Missouri and the Territory of Iowa; and between this section of the same and the Mississippi, is situated that tract of land known as the Sauk and Fox half breed reservation. This is the southern extremity of Iowa Territory, and occupying the lower rapids of the Mississippi, where water power to any extent can be obtained; to which might be enumerated many other local advantages, which cannot fail to make this one of the most promising situations on the Mississippi river.

In passing up the river Des Moines, above the Indian Agency, we are in a district of country which still belongs to the Sauks and Foxes but which it is presumed the United States will soon purchase from them. This tract, together with the neutral ground, is a most desirable section of Iowa, not only on account of the fertility of the soil, the timber, the water power and its mineral productions, but also on account of the centrality of its location, in reference to the contemplated boundaries of a new State.

#### SHECAQUA, OR SKUNK RIVER.

This river is about 150 yards wide and probably 200 miles in length; it is already thickly settled with an industrious and improving population. There are also several flourishing towns and villages on its banks, together with some fine mills. The soil is fertile, and the timber in many places is both abundant and of a good quality. This river empties into the Mississippi about 8 miles below Burlington, and 12 above Fort Madison.

#### FLINT CREEK,

Is a valuable little stream, on account of the excellent water powers which it affords. It empties itself into the Mississippi, a short distance above Burlington.

#### LOWER IOWA RIVER.

This stream is called by the Indians in the Sauk language,

*Naha-to-seck-a-way*, which signifies a *yearling Buffalo bull*; it is about 200 yards wide, and perhaps 300 miles long, a deep channel and strong current; its bottoms, which are principally prairie from the mouth up for the distance of 20 miles, are not excelled in beauty, fertility of soil and romantic scenery by any other part of the western country. The principal tributaries to this beautiful river, are the Red Cedar and the English rivers; the former from the north-east, and the latter from the south-west sides. On the banks of it are situated several flourishing towns, among which is Wapalaw, the seat of justice of Louisa County, situate about 15 miles from its mouth; and still higher up, perhaps 100 miles from the mouth, Iowa City has been located by authority as the permanent Territorial seat of Government. The several counties through which this river and its branches pass are rapidly improving; Cedar County is especially a delightful district.

#### WA-PE-SE-PIN-E-KA,

Or *White Mineral* river, is also a fine stream, abounding with water power and a good soil. This is regarded as the commencement of the mineral region, in ascending the Mississippi.

#### MACQUETA.

This stream is principally celebrated for its cascades and mill privileges, though it also affords much excellent farming land and some valuable mineral deposits. The settlement of this district of the country is also rapidly progressing.

#### TURKEY RIVER,

Or *Pen-e-ah*, is a very pleasant little stream, abounding with good timber and a rich soil; the white population as yet is rather sparse. From this, following up the Mississippi, we first meet with Yellow river, a small stream upon which a part of the Winnebago Indians reside, having a school and some farms.

Thence passing Paint Creek, we arrive at the



#### UPPER IOWA RIVER.

This is a considerable stream, but not yet inhabited by white people; it is the point at which the neutral ground commences on the west bank of the Mississippi; thence to the Red Cedar; thence to the Des Moines; thence to the Red Pipe Stone, and thence to the Missouri river; being a belt of country 40 miles in width. A few miles above the mouth of this river, and on the opposite bank of the Mississippi is the mouth of the "Bad-Axe Creek," noted mainly on account of the inhuman butchery of a large number of Indian women, children and helpless old men of the Sauk nation, at the conclusion of the late celebrated "Black Hawk war."

Root river, River of the Mountains, White Wolf or Cannon river, and many other smaller streams empty themselves into the Mississippi from the western shore. The River of the Mountains is celebrated for its ancient mounds or tumuli which are found upon its banks; and the White Wolf or Cannon river is noted for its water power. This is all, however, still an uninhabited wilderness, except a settlement of principally half breeds of the Sioux nation of Indians, who are located on a valuable reservation of land, situated on the shore of Lake Pepin; to which may be added, a few Missionary establishments at different points. It is now in contemplation to purchase from the natives, the entire district of country south of the St. Peters, out of which it is proposed to form the new State of Iowa.

#### *The Beautiful Meadows.*

This is that extensive elevation of rich and fertile table land which separates the valleys of the Jacques or James, and the Red river of the North. "This is represented to be a country of surpassing fertility and beauty. The slope rises to a fine table land, about nineteen hundred feet above the surface of the sea, and is watered by frequent streams abounding in fish, that, after swelling two small lakes, form at their conflu-

ence the river St. Peters. The soil is very rich, and would support a numerous population, that would enjoy the advantages of inhabiting one of the most beautiful and healthy regions of the far north-west." (See Report of the Secretary of War.) This tract of country is of great extent; it rises in the vicinity of the Devil's lake, and extends to the neighborhood of the sources of the Des Moines and Red Pipe Stone rivers. The whole extent of it is skirted and interspersed with groves of the finest woods. It is already recommended to the general Government, to purchase this region of country, from the natives who now roam over it, and occasionally fish and hunt upon it. But it is mostly used at present, as a hunting ground by the Hudson Bay traders, and the half breeds in their employ, who procure large supplies of Buffalo flesh in this district, and, after drying the same, carry it to their residences on the Assinaboin, Pembina, Red river, Hudson's bay, &c. for their own subsistence—of which complaints have already been made to our Government; but it is probable that these matters will not attract much attention, until that section of the country shall begin to be settled by American citizens.

## *Lakes.*

### DEVIL'S LAKE.

This lake is situated between the 48th and 49th degrees of north latitude as appears from the latest observation. It is ascertained to be about 40 or 45 miles long, and in some places about half that width; its shores are well timbered, and its waters, which abound with excellent fish, are as salt as those of the ocean. It is interspersed with numerous islands, which are likewise covered with woods. "These physical characteristics are common to several other smaller lakes which are found in this region of country, where salt is so abundant, that in many places it effloresces on the surface of the earth." (See Report of the Secretary of War, 1839.)

#### LAKE TRAVERSE,

Is the southern source of the Red river of the North, and as well as the

#### BIG STONE LAKE,

Which is the source of the St. Peters river, is situated immediately in the vicinity of those delightful table lands, called the "Beautiful Meadows." These lakes have been long known as important trading posts, and have been occupied alternately by different Indian traders for many years.

#### THE SWAN LAKES.

These are a cluster of small lakes, on the north side of the St. Peters river, and about a hundred miles south and west of Fort Snelling, near the extreme southern bend of said river. These are said to be beautiful sheets of water, surrounded by a pleasant country. This is the point at which the river Des Moines will probably be connected with the St. Peters, at no very distant day.

### *Indians.*

#### SAUKS AND FOXES.

These Indians occupy the country embracing the head waters of Grand, Chariton, Little Platte, &c. of the Missouri, on the south, and extending north, from the boundary line of the State of Missouri to the neutral ground, embraces the Des Moines, Shecauque, or Skunk, Iowa and Red Cedar rivers. These people are divided into five general divisions—three on the Des Moines river, a short distance above the present white settlements, one on the Missouri, and one on the Iowa rivers. From the late report of Gen. J. M. Street, U. S. Indian Agent for the Sauks and Foxes, to His Excellency R. Lucas, Governor of Iowa, he estimates their population, exclusive of those on the Missouri river, at 4396 souls, "inhabiting a fertile and well watered country." "Two sections of land and four mills have been added to their improvements since last year. The mills on Soap creek are calculated to do

a fine business, and are so near the settlements that the business will be thronged, as it is the only mill for 50 miles that has water to run this summer. Sawing to any amount can be done there, and much lumber is wanted in the adjoining country. The other mill at the Indian town, though also nearly completed, is not as fortunately situated as to water: I apprehend it will only operate about five or six months in each year. At the Soap creek mills there will be required at least two hands to cut and haul logs and to attend the saw mill, while the miller (Samuel Smith) will be attending the grist-mill. At the Indian towns on the Des Moines, I have had three fields broke up and substantially fenced, and at the desire of the Indians have had 100 bushels of wheat sowed on the farms." Gen. Street continues: "At the mills near the Indian towns, I have appointed Jeremiah Smith, the miller. I presume the field of 640 acres on the Iowa will be ready for delivery over in 15 or 20 days. When that is completed, the Sauks and Foxes will have four fields broke and fenced, on the Iowa and Des Moines, and be prepared to farm to a considerable extent. These Indians have the most flattering prospects of doing well and living happy," &c.

Gov. Lucas, in his report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, says: "There has not as yet been a school or a missionary established among these Indians, and I am satisfied, from personal observation, that there are no people more susceptible of improvement than they are." The same causes which Gov. Dodge of Wisconsin alludes to in these words, viz: "The benevolent designs of government towards the Indians can never be consummated until the power and influence of the traders are counteracted," may account for the absence of schools and missionaries among the people, as well as for their general degradation. As long as *whiskey-selling atheists*, are permitted to exercise a controlling influence over these people, both the officers of the Government and philanthropists will be embarrassed, in the discharge of their duties towards them.

[From Major Taliaferro, Agent at St. Peters.]

#### WAHPAAKOOTAS.

This ill-fated tribe, from being once warlike and a terror to their enemies, have, since 1812, nearly been exterminated. Many have been cut off by marauding parties of the Sauks and Foxes, besides those who fell in battle. This state of things, in connexion with the small-pox, has left but 325, and they are wending their way to their destiny with rapid strides. This tribe, in conjunction with the South Yanetons of the river Des Moines, once held nearly all the soil comprising the beautiful territory of Iowa. It was taken from them by conquest, by the Sauks and Foxes, and a part of it has now fell into the hands of our Government. Continually harrassed by their old enemies, the Sauks and Foxes, they can raise no corn, although they inhabit a beautiful country, from the head waters of the Des Moines to the Cannon rivers, the Mixed Lakes and on the Blue Earth river. Water power abounds in this portion of the country. These people claim an equal right in the famed *pipe stone quarry*, on the Red Pipe Stone river, with the Susseeton Sioux.

#### SOUTH SUSSEETONS.

These also, from a formidable people, have become reduced to 276, by migrations and wars with the Sauks and Foxes. They now reside on the Lizzard river, about the Swan lakes, and on the St. Peters, about 100 miles from its mouth. "The country claimed by this fractional band is an interesting one, beautiful to view, pretty well timbered and watered." Specimens of good stone coal have been found in this region.

#### NORTH SUSSEETONS.

These people number 980 persons; they raise but little or no corn, and follow the chase for subsistence; they roam from Big Stone and Traverse lakes, where they reside at times, to the country on the Chippeway border on Red river of the North. They are at war with the Chippewas, but often in company with the Yanetonas.

#### EAST WAHPEETONS.

This band numbers 325 souls, and resides at the "Little Rapids" of the St. Peters, about 35 or 40 miles from Fort Snelling—they are anxious to sell their country.

#### WEST WAHPEETONS.

These number 425—are at war with the Chippewas: "raised nothing, but depended upon the chase alone for subsistence, until the Rev. T. S. Williamson, M. D., and S. R. Riggs, A. M., at Renvill's trading post, located among them. Since then, a visible change for the better has been effected." They are now cultivating the soil and some of their women have been taught to spin, knit and weave. The general features of the country owned by these people, which is situated around Lake qui-Parle on the St. Peters river, are a fertile soil and good water—timber not very abundant.

#### YANETONAS.

This is the most numerous tribe of Sioux in these regions, and may be estimated at about 2150 souls. They depend on the buffalo, both for food and clothing to a very great extent. They roam through the country on Red river of the North, and upon the waters of the Missouri; and sometimes they rest a season with others at the "Devil's Lake." Their country is extensive, and abounds with fish, fowl and buffalo.

#### THE ASSINABOINES,

Or Stone Sioux, as they are termed, are but little noticed, and imperfectly known, but are said to number over 3000 souls. They range over the country about "Devil's Lake," and upon the Assinaboine river. They sometimes remove to the high lands, and resort to the Missouri for the purposes of trade.

#### MEDAWAKANTONS.

Maj. Taliaferro says, "This tribe numbers exactly 1658 souls, 484 warriors, 406 women and 768 children. These reside in seven detached villages." They formerly resided east

of the Mississippi, but since the treaty of cession of 1837 they have removed west, and are now living upon their country in Iowa Territory, which extends from the "Little Rapids" of the St. Peters to the neutral grounds, twenty miles above the Upper Iowa river. Ample provisions have been made by the government, for the improvement of these people; work cattle, horses, carts, wagons, ploughs, black-smith shops and other mechanics are furnished them. In the neighborhood of St. Anthony's Falls, on Lake Calhoun, Mr. Pond, the farmer, at that point, reports, that under his charge there was raised this year (1839) 2300 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of potatoes and other vegetables. Mr. Holton at the Little Crow village, reports 1500 bushels of corn, many potatoes, &c. It is ascertained that over 6000 bushels of corn have been harvested this year. "The general features of the country of this particular tribe are level, with undulating rolling prairie lands, interspersed with ravines and valleys, as you approach the Mississippi from inland. It is well watered; having the Crow, St. Peters, Cannon, Racine, Disembarrass and numerous other small streams passing through it." Lead ore is found on the half-breed Reservation on Lake Pepin. The present prospects of these people are quite flattering.

#### CHIPPEWAS.

These people have a village at Leech Lake, which contains a population of 820 souls. A second at Red Lake containing 290, making the Chippewa population in Iowa Territory 1110 persons, besides those who are continually passing and re-passing to and from Wisconsin Territory and Upper Canada.

#### WINNEBAGOES.

Win-o-shiek's band of the Winnebagoes reside on the Upper Iowa river. The band of Two Shillings, at the Winnebago school, on Yellow river; the united bands of the *Little Priest* and Whirling Thunder, at a new farm recently opened for them fifteen miles west of the school. The bands under Big

Canoe and his brother Wah-con, are residing on Black river and in its vicinity, on the Mississippi, in Wisconsin Territory. Likewise, the bands belonging to Yellow Thunder, Caramanee, Dandy, Little Soldier, Decory and Big Head, all reside at present in Wisconsin, but are under treaty stipulations to remove west of the Mississippi river. Nothing very definite can be said of the number of these people, as the head of each family wishes to make his number as large as possible, knowing that he draws money or goods in proportion to the number of the inmates of his lodge. Maj. Boyd, estimated the Winnebagoes at 5000 souls; and we have no authority to say that this is incorrect, but it is thought to be full large.

### *Beasts.*

The Buffalo is found in abundance on Red Pipe Stone, Jacques or James, St. Peters and Red rivers; they continually recede before the white population, and are now only occasionally found on the head waters of the river Des Moines and Lower Iowa.

Elk are frequently found much nearer the white settlements, and, occasionally, even in the limits of the present settlements.

Deer are not very abundant, being hunted out by the natives; still, however, there are many hundreds of them killed yearly.

Bears are scarce, but the Indians succeed every winter in obtaining more or less of these animals, as appears from the skins which they bring to the traders.

Raccoons are in great abundance in every district of timbered country, and more especially along the water courses. They constitute the *pork* of the Indian.

Squirrels. The common grey squirrels are found plentifully in the woods, with a few scattering fox squirrels, but no black ones, however, during fourteen years residence and rambling in that country, I have not seen one, neither have I



discovered the singular phenomenon of migration and emigration, profusion and scarcity, of these little animals, which are so remarkable in the early settlement of the Ohio valley.

The Panther is rarely seen in the country; their skins are to be found sometimes among the Indians, but I have not seen the animal alive in this country. Wild cats are more frequently seen, but they are not by any means numerous.

The Wolf. There are a few of the large black wolves, and some grey, but the most numerous of this class of animals are the Prairie wolf, which is something above the size of the fox. These animals have not yet proved troublesome to any extent to the farmers; and probably never can, as the country is not adapted to their security, against the search of the hunter—having to burrow in the earth, in certain elevations of the prairie, they are readily found and easily destroyed. Many of those animals which have been so industriously destroyed for their skins, as the beaver, the otter, the musk-rat, the mink, &c., are becoming scarce; the beaver may be said to be almost extinct, while but few of the otter remain. It is true that the musk-rat abounds in great plenty in some places, and they are said to be found in the greatest abundance about the sources of the Raccoon river.

Rabbits are found in the settled parts of the country; and rats are continually arriving, with almost every accession to our white population, though it is clear that they are not natives of the country. The opossum, the pole-cat or skunk, the hedge-hog or porcupine, and the ground-hog, are severally to be found in this country.

### *Serpents.*

These reptiles are not numerous in this country, but there are a few of the large yellow-pied rattle-snakes, and still more frequently the little venomous prairie rattle-snake is heard, whizzing about the traveller's feet in passing through the prairies. There are also the bull-snake, the black snake,

the moccasin-snake, the garter-snake and a variety of water snakes, which are occasionally met with in the different sections of this country, none of which are poisonous except the moccasin.

## *Birds.*

The groves in all this vast region of country, are enlivened with the morning matins and evening vespers of a great variety of singing birds.

The wild turkey, which was so abundant on the Ohio in early times, is but rarely found in Iowa: I have, however, seen large flocks of them on the river Des Moines, more frequently than in any other part of the country.

The prairie hen obtains in the greatest abundance, and more especially in the vicinity of the white population. Quails are also numerous, but the pheasant is rarely seen. Swans, geese, brants, and an almost endless variety of ducks are in the greatest abundance along the rivers, upon the lakes, and not unfrequently upon the prairies.

Pelicans. These singular fowls, in the early part of autumn, often whiten the sand bars of the rivers and lakes—hundreds of them, on their passage to a southern latitude, alight together on a sand bar or island, and give it the appearance of a bank of snow.

The crow and the black bird are sufficiently numerous to be at times troublesome to the farmers.

Bald Eagles are quite common, while the grey eagle is scarcely ever seen. Buzzards and ravens are also frequently seen.

Doves and pigeons, a great variety of woodpeckers, and a few of the real woodcock genus, of a large size, are found in the country.

The little humming-bird is likewise often seen, examining the flowers for his food.

The honey bee is doubtless a native of this region;—they

are found in the greatest abundance, as we advance beyond the white population.

### *Wild Fruits.*

The earliest fruit, which ripens in the last of May or first of June, is the strawberry. It grows in barren land, or adjoining the timber in prairies, and often on the second bottoms, which are of a sandy soil. This fruit is of an excellent flavor, and in some seasons can be obtained in almost any quantity.

Blackberries grow plentifully, in those places where the timber has been either cut down by the hand of man, or where it has been prostrated by hurricanes; these are also a very pleasant berry, but not so delicious as the strawberry.

Raspberries are not as plentiful as the foregoing, but they are very common in the country.

Gooseberries are in many places in the greatest abundance, and of the best quality; they are large and smooth and of an excellent taste.

Plums abound in a great variety of size, color and flavor, and grow on trees or bushes in a variety of soils, some of them are of an excellent flavor.

Crab apples are found plentifully about the head of water courses in the edges of the prairies, they are very large and make excellent preserves, having a fragrant smell and a fine golden color. Several varieties of hickory nuts, the black walnut, the butter nut, the hazel nut and the pecan, are plenty in many places.

Grapes. Both summer and winter grapes, and of several varieties, both in size and flavor are found in the country. Wild cherries, the black haw, the red haw and the paw-paw, are also found here.

Cranberries grow in the greatest abundance in the northern parts of this Territory, and are obtained from the Indians by the traders in large quantities.

## *Military Defence.*

[Extract from the Report of the Quarter Master General.]

"If it be contemplated to establish posts on the route surveyed between Forts Leavenworth and Snelling, I would recommend that the ordinary log cabins and block houses of the frontiers alone be constructed, and with as little expense as practicable. The natural line of defence of that frontier is the Missouri river itself; it runs nearly parallel with the Mississippi through several degrees of latitude; and will afford the best boundary west for the States that must in a few years be found north of the State of Missouri. As to the road, I would recommend that neither money nor labor be expended upon it. The whole country is represented as an open prairie, that may be traversed in all directions without difficulty. Posts on the Missouri, in advance of Fort Leavenworth, at the mouth of Table creek, and at or near the mouth of Sioux River," [Red Pipe Stone,] "with one on the St. Peters, would have much greater influence over the Indians between the former river and the Mississippi, than any post placed on the line near the white settlements. To secure the communication with Fort Snelling, barracks for two companies, with good block houses, are necessary at some intermediate point between that port and Prairie du Chien; and for the security of the extending settlements of Wisconsin, a post is required at Sandy lake, or some other point in advance of Fort Snelling on the Upper Mississippi; and another at Fond du Lac, the south-western extremity of Lake Superior."

### *Speech of Black Hawk,*

Made to the Sauk and Fox Indians, in the Spring of 1831, on receiving orders from the Indian Agent at Rock Island, to remove to the west bank of the Mississippi.

WARRIORS:—Sixty summers or more have passed away, since our fathers sat down here, while our mothers erected their lodges at this delightful spot. Upon these pastures our

horses have fattened for many successive summers; these fields, cultivated by the hands of our wives and daughters, have always yielded us a plentiful supply of corn, beans, squashes, melons, &c.; and from the shoals of these rivers, whose limpid waters here unite, our young men have always obtained the wanted abundance of excellent fish. Here too, you are protected by the broad current of the majestic river, [Mis-se Se-po,] from the assaults of your old and inveterate enemy, the Shaw-hawk [Sioux]. Thus supplied with food and protected from harm, our summers have passed away in mirth and gladness. With what reluctance many of you have quitted these scenes of joy and pastime, even for one winter, our patrol can testify, who have been charged with bringing up the rear of our encampment, when leaving this place in the fall for our wintering ground. And yet another, and still stronger tie binds us to this residence of our fathers. In these little enclosures, some of wood and others of stone, which we see scattered all over these plains, now rest, in undisturbed repose, the bones of our dearest relatives, our bravest warriors and many of our greatest chiefs and orators. But alas! Warriors, what do I hear? The birds which have long gladdened these groves, with the sweet melody of their notes, are now singing a melancholy song! They say "the red man must forsake his home, to make room for the white man." The Long-knives desire it, and must have a new field opened for the exercise of their speculation and avarice. To accomplish which, the red man's wife and daughter must now surrender the little piece of ground which they had marked as their own, by many days of labor and severe toil. Widows! you must forsake forever the graves of your husbands! Children! forget that you were ever born! Mothers! you shall no more see the sacred spot where the bones of your children rest! These, all these, you must forsake forever! And for what reasons, are we told that we must leave forever, our houses and our homes—the land of our nativity and the graves of our

fathers! Because the Long-knives want to live in our houses, plant corn in our fields and plough up our graves! Yes! they wish to plant corn in these graves! and can you refuse a request at once so *modest*, and so reasonable? They want to fatten their hogs on the bodies of our dead, who are not yet mouldered in these graves! Will you refuse? We are ordered to remove to the west bank of the Majestic river; there to erect other houses and open new fields, of which we shall soon again be robbed by these pale faces! They tell us that our great father, the Chief of the Long-knives, has commanded us, his *red* children, to give this, our greatest town, our greatest grave-yard and our best home, to his *white* children! Do you believe this story? I do not. It cannot be true. *We* have vagabonds among us, and so have the *Long-knives* also—we have even liars of our own nation, and the Long-knives, no doubt, abound with such. The truth, therefore, must be this; that a few base and avaricious individuals of the Long-knife tribe, who, in visiting the lead mines, or exploring the country, have passed by this place, and seeing this delightful spot, have become enamored with it; have thought this to be the most probable stratagem which would promise them success in driving us from our homes; that they may seize upon our town and corn fields. But I repeat it again, it cannot be true—it is impossible that so great a Chief, as the Chief of the Long-knives is said to be, should act so unjustly, as to drive *six thousand* of those, whom he is pleased to call his “red children,” from their native homes, from the graves of their ancestors, and from the scenes of the most tender and sacred associations. Compelling them to seek new homes, to build other houses, and to prepare new corn fields; and that, too, in a country where our women and children will be in continual danger of being murdered by our enemies: and all this injustice is to be done, and this distress inflicted, merely to gratify the greedy avarice of twenty or thirty persons of his “*white children!*” No! No! Our great father, the Chief of the

Long-knives, will never do this thing! Shall we therefore leave this home of our fathers, on account of such silly and unreasonable tales? No! I have heard these same fables every spring, for the last seven winters, that we were to be driven from this place. You know we have offered the Long-knives a large tract of country on the west side of the Majestic river, abounding with lead, if they would relinquish their unjust claim to this little spot. We will therefore repair our houses, which these pale-faced vagabonds have torn down and burnt through the past winter, and we will plant our corn as usual; and if these white intruders annoy us we will tell them to depart. We will offer them no violence, except in self-defence, and even then, we will only protect ourselves and our families from their dog-like assaults. We will not kill their cattle or destroy any of their property, but their *scutah wapo*, (whiskey,) we will search for and destroy, by throwing it out upon the earth, wherever we find it. We know that when men are filled with that liquor, they think that they are very rich; perhaps if their liquor was destroyed, and they should become sober, they may not then think that they are owners of all the earth! We have asked permission of these intruders to cultivate our own fields, around which *they* have erected wooden walls. They have refused, and have even forbid us the privilege of climbing over. We will, therefore, throw down these walls which keep us from our fields. And as these pale faces seem unwillingly to live in the same community with us, let *them*, and not *us*, depart. It was *them*, not *us*, that sought the connection, and when they become tired of the society, let them seek such as they like better. This land is *ours* and not *theirs*; we have inherited it from our forefathers—we have never parted from it—we have never sold it—we have never forfeited it—it is therefore ours! If some drunken dogs of our own people, assuming to be our chiefs, have sold lands to the Long-knives, which they did not own, our rights remain unimpaired! We have no chiefs, no agents, no delegates who

are authorized to sell our corn fields, our houses, or the bones of our dead! I say we have none—we cannot have such a Chief; because the very act itself proves him a traitor, and would strip him of all official authority! Many of the old braves who now hear me, remember well the cruel advantages which the Commissioners of the Long-knives took of our distressed condition, at Portage de Sioux, at the close of the war about sixteen winters ago, how they there compelled us to recognise a treaty which they themselves knew to be a fraud, and by which they still assume to claim even this little tract, though we have given up to them all the other immense countries on both sides of this great river, without a murmur, and as I have said before, we have also proposed to pay them for this. The great Chief of the Long-knives, I believe is too wise and too good to approve of such acts of robbery and injustice; though I confess, I have found true the statement of my British friends in Canada, “that the Long-knives will always claim the land, as far as they are permitted to make a track with their foot, or mark a tree.” I will not however, believe that the great Chief, who is pleased to call himself our “Father,” will send an army of his warriors against his children, for no other cause than for contending to cultivate the fields which their own labor has provided, and for occupying the houses which their own hands have erected! No, I will not believe it, until I see his army! and then, and not until then, will I forsake these graves of my ancestors, and this home of my youth!



# *An Act*

NOW IN FORCE IN IOWA.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That hereafter in actions of trespass *quare clausum fregit*, trespass, ejectment, forcible entry and detainer, as well as forcible detainer only, when any person may be settled on any of the public lands in this Territory,—where the same have not been sold by the General Government,—his, her, or their possession, shall be considered on the trial as extending to the boundaries embraced by the “*claim*” of such person or persons, so as to enable him, her, or them, to have and maintain either of the aforesaid actions, without being compelled to prove an actual enclosure; *Provided*, that such “*claim*” shall not exceed, in number of acres, the amount limited to any one person, according to the custom of the neighborhood in which such land is situated, and shall not in any case exceed in extent, three hundred and twenty acres: and, *Provided*, that such “*claim*” may be located in two different parcels as will suit the convenience of the holder. But no such holder shall be entitled to hold a “*claim*,” less than the smallest legal subdivision, agreeably to the laws of the United States, relative to selling the public lands. And all such claim or part of a claim shall be marked out, so that the boundaries thereof can be readily traced, and the extent of said claim easily known; *Provided*, That no person shall be entitled to sustain either of said actions for possession of, or injury done to, any “*claim*,” (except mineral lots,) unless he has actually made an improvement as required by the custom of the neighborhood, in which such *claim* or *claims* are situated.

SEC. 2. A neglect of a claim by the owner and those under whom he claims, for a period of six months or more, shall be considered such an abandonment as to preclude said owner from sustaining either of the aforesaid actions.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to

prevent any person from sustaining either of the aforesaid actions, when there shall be an actual enclosure, for an injury done within the same, although the "*claim*" of such person, enclosed and unenclosed, may exceed in the whole three hundred and twenty acres.

Approved, January 19, 1838.

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